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COAL DEPOSITS OF OPEN COAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to explore the coal deposits of Chhendipada (open coal project) under Mahanadi coalfields in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress of the project and the expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): The exploration in Chhendipada OCP (0.35 MTY) has been completed.

(b): 25 No. of bore holes involving 3484.50 meters of drilling were completed since 1995. Geological report was prepared in May, 2000.

(c): The progress of the project and the expenditure incurred thereon are as follows:

(i) Chhendipada OCP was sanctioned by MCL Board for an annual coal production of 0.35 MTY on 28-4-1997 at a capital outlay of 19.75 crores. The application for grant of mining lease of 36.44 HA had been submitted to the Govt. of Orissa, Deptt.of Steel and Mines on 28-2-1995. The mine plan had been approved by the Government of India on 15-3-2000.

(ii) This mine plan along with relevant information has been submitted to Government of Orissa on 31-3-2000 for grant of mining lease. The matter is being pursued with State Government to obtain the mining lease.

(iii) An area of 6.78 HA of government non-forest land out of 13.1 HA, has been recommended by Tahsildar for creation of infrastructure facilities of the project.

(iv) Stage-II forestry clearance for diversion of 24.30 HA of forest land has been granted on 24-5-2000.

(v) The EMP clearance has been granted on 30-6-2000.

(vi) Appplication has been submitted to CESCO(Central Electric Supply Company), Dhenkanal, Orissa for diversion of 11 KV of overhead line which is passing through the proposed mining site and also applied for drawing electric power for the project from CESCO. A capital investment of Rs. 4.56 crores has been made upto 30-6-2000 against the capital outlay of 19.75 crores.